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ORGANIZED FORCES.

The importance of thorough organization is not questioned by anyone. To attain the highest results in any enterprise, organization of forces is necessary. Unorganized power is dangerous, unmanageable, and may result in destruction. Organized power is controllable, and if properly directed, will be productive of good. Niagara Falls represents tremendous power, but it is accomplishing no good to humanity. For years, science has been at work endeavoring to chain these mighty forces, organize them and make them the servant of man. The South Fork Dam was a beautiful sheet of water. It was a place of quiet retreat from the noise and bustle of city life, and furnished pleasant recreation and innocent sport to those who resorted thither from the city during the heat of the summer. It cannot be said that this body of water was accomplishing any particular good, save that it furnished innocent amusement, but neither did it do any harm. When, however, the dam broke, its waters rushed down the valley, carrying destruction before it, and leaving a path of desolation and death behind it. What tremendous forces lay hidden in that quiet little lake. They were harmless so long as they were held in check, but when let loose, they were wild and fierce and destructive. What tremendous power is represented in the astronomical world, the heavenly bodies, moving in their respective orbits with unerring accuracy. But the motion of these bodies is harmless. The planets move in harmony with and obedience to fixed laws. Taken together they make up that vast organization known as the universe in which order, harmony and unity prevail.

Whether in the realm of the physical, the intellectual or the spiritual, to accomplish the greatest results and attain the highest good, we must *organize our forces*. What mighty forces, what energy and vitality, are worse than wasted in this world, for want of proper organization, or properly directed efforts. To be useful, forces must not be organized only, but when or-

ganized they must be directed in proper channels. All the power, the energy and vitality of the Christian church will avail nothing unless organized and directed towards the accomplishment of the highest good. Unorganized forces are difficult to manage, organized forces are regulated with ease. It does not require great physical strength to manage the throttle of an engine, and yet what wonderful power it produces. Why? Because the great forces of the engine are held in check, and are entirely at the will of the engineer. Take the engine to pieces, scatter its various parts here and there, and it is powerless. When put together it represents a mighty power.

What applies in the physical, applies equally in the spiritual. The forces in the Christian church must be properly organized if we are to accomplish a work equal to the measurement of our ability and responsibility. In our own fraternity, Sister Grossnickle is rapidly organizing, and properly directing the efforts of the sisters. Brother Talley is bringing together the scattered forces of our young people and directing them into channels of usefulness. Our conferences are organized for the same purpose, and the good results of these various organizations are becoming more and more apparent. Let us not waste our time in trying to accomplish something in a hap-hazard way. Let us *organize*, and in this way concentrate our efforts, and consecrate them to the highest good and the most sacred uses. We need to bring our scattered forces together, unite them in the accomplishment of that for which God has given us talent.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

On July 8, a circular letter with a "statistical report and record" blank was sent to over 200 persons. Please read the letter carefully again and comply with its requests. Do not fail to send in the *report* above referred to at your earliest convenience.

Brother P. S. Garman, of Eldorado, Calif., informs us that he is about to return to Mo.

ASHLAND University will sustain a Theological department the coming year. The Bible is becoming more and more the one book in which Scientific and Historical study centers. It is a Book for all.

THIS world is but the vestibule of an immortal life. Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.—*Chagren*.

Personal Mention.

C. J. Wolter reports quite an entertaining and successful children's day service.

Brother W. S. McClain of Aurelia, Iowa, reports another accession by baptism.

Brother William Kiefer is doing some missionary work, for the State Mission Board.

Brother A. J. Hixon contributes a very interesting report of his late visit to Tahlequah. We are pleased to learn that he contemplates coming to the National Conference.

Brother I. D. Bowman opened up a new mission point in the city. He recently baptized and received into the church, a Baptist minister. Brother Bowman is an enthusiastic worker, and success crowns his efforts.

Brother J. R. Keller reports four accessions by baptism. The Executive Committee of the Kanemerado District Conference, will please answer the brother's inquiry. There be many others who desire information along the same line.

Brother David Augustine, treasurer of the National Mission Board, acknowledges the receipt of \$6.05 from the Middle Branch Congregation, Ohio, through brother J. L. Kimmel, and \$3.65 from the Louisville Congregation, through the same person.

In the death of brother William Trent, the church has lost a faithful worker. We well remember his presence at the Conferences in Pennsylvania. We cannot now think of a single one that he missed while we resided in that State. In fact he was always at the post of duty and ready for every good work. A father in Israel has fallen.

In this issue is found a brief biographical sketch of Brother Nielson, father of N. C. Nielson. There are interesting facts connected with his life, and if Brother Nielson will furnish us a photograph of his father with a more extended and complete sketch of his life, we will gladly publish the biography, accompanied with portrait.

Brother Joseph I. Hall writes: One more came to us at Bethlehem by relation from the G. B. church. We are at work doing all we can for the Master, and we are succeeding. We feel that we are in harmony with the entire brotherhood in doctrine, and are in sympathy with every move for the general progress of the church. May the Lord add his blessing to all that is done in his name.